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SUBJECT: NAC SESSION ON SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

REF: USNATO 6530 (1974)

1. SYG LUNS IS ANXIOUS TO SCHEDULE ANOTHER NAC CONSULTATION ON THE MIDDLE EAST AND IT APPEARS FEBRUARY 12 WOULD BE A CONVENIENT DATE FOR SUCH CONSULTATIONS FROM THE NATO/IS POINT OF VIEW, AND APPARENTLY FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF SEVERAL DELEGATIONS. MISSION HAS LEARNED THAT THE UK AND TWO OTHER DELEGATIONS HAVE INQUIRED WHETHER MIDDLE EAST "EXPERTS" FROM CAPITALS MIGHT ATTEND SUCH CONSULTATIONS. ACCORDINGLY, AT POLADS ON FEBRUARY 4 DELEGATIONS WILL BE ASKED WHETHER FEBRUARY 12 IS AGREEABLE DATE FOR THIS CONSULTATION AND WHETHER "EXPERTS" FROM THEIR CAPITALS COULD ATTEND, AND IF SO WHICH MEMBERS WILL HAVE EXPERTS PRESENT.

2. COMMENT: MISSION'S POSITIVE RECOMMENDATIONS IN GENERAL ABOUT THIS SORT OF CONSULTATION ARE CONTAINED REFTEL. PERMREPS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO ANOTHER NAC CONSULTATION ON THE MIDDLE EAST THREE WEEKS AGO AT A PERMREPS LUNCH. AT THAT TIME, HOWEVER, THERE WAS NO INDICATION ANYONE WAS THINKING OF INVITING SENIOR MIDDLE EAST OFFICIALS FROM CAPITALS TO SUCH A MEETING. SHORT NOTICE ON THIS QUESTION IS DUE, WE BELIEVE, TO LUNS' ANXIETY TO KEEP THIS CONFIDENTIAL

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ISSUE ON THE NAC AGENDA, AND TO FACT THAT UK HAS AN EXPERT WHO WILL BE IN BRUSSELS DURING THAT WEEK. ON THE OTHER HAND, NATO/IS NOTES PRESS SPECULATION AS TO TIMING OF POTENTIAL MIDDLE EASTERN TRAVELS OF SECRETARY AND REALIZES FEBRUARY 12 MAY NOT

BE CONVENIENT DATE FOR US.

3. REQUEST GUIDANCE IF POSSIBLE BY OOB FEBRUARY 4.BRUCE

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